Fort Edward Historical Association

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Serving Fort Edward, Hudson Falls, Kingsbury and Neighboring Communities
Incorporated 1927

Dear Members & Friends, FALL 2026

We Started off our 2026 tour season with a Standing Room Only presentation about Solomon Northup (about 40 people present) which basically totally filled our available space in the Law office that evening. Fortunately, we were able to repeat this program in Hebron a few weeks later. Our Riverside School Bell Award Ceremony was also a great success with three popular inductees, Kathy Chance of Argyle School, Pat Niles of Salem School and John Strough of Queensbury School.

Following this program our planning went into full production for our 250th observance of our country's founding at the Washington County Fairgrounds, on July 12th & 13th. The fairgrounds was the scene of a wonderful event. We had a large booth of local history, books and our special exhibits. For the weekend we exhibited our Benjamin Franklin letter (which we had conserved nearly 40 years ago) and our 1876 crock that had been designed for the Philadelphia Exhibition of that same year. Exhibits were also mounted for the Champlain Canal, Local Women's Suffrage, Solomon Northup, and the Iron Fences of Union Cemetery (this exhibit had been created around 1976 by Meredith Hoag, a Wing family descendent and local photographer), with color and black & white photographs. It was a wonderful essay of the ironwork found in the Sandy Hill and Fort Edward Union Cemetery.

Our Summer here was very wet, with rain usually several times a week. Fortunately, our summer fundraising auction and plant sale went off without a hitch. All departments seamed to prosper, including the Catholic Daughter's Food Sale.

After that brief upset, we launched into the Washington County Fair! We have had a presence at the fair since 1976. During the course of this season, we have been using some modern technology (now having the opportunity to accept credit/debit cards). Sales from our gift shop and museum admissions have actually added a few thousand dollars to our income for 2026. We are also able to accept card payments at our fundraising events and plans are in the works to publish the booklist from our shop to encourage online purchases as well.

With this letter, we also will launch our Annual Appeal Letter. These funds help us with painting restoration, which we now two being currently worked on – a portrait of William Little Lee along with a view of Sandy Hill from the top of River St. Hill (showing the old Blacksmith Shop). Lee's portrait shows Diamond Head near Waikiki Beach, in the background of Lee who is buried in Union Cemetery.

Our Annual Meeting will be a Luncheon on November 7th at 12 noon. The meeting will take place in St. James Church. Our election of Officers will take place during the meeting. Luncheon follows the meeting and then a brief organ concert and program played on the 'tracker-pneumatic action pipe organ' in the church sanctuary which is being taken care of and used by the Durkeetown Baptist Church.

We are planning to be open for 2 weekends in December for tours of the Fort House and the gift shop will be open at those times for Holiday Shopping, with some visits from Santa and Balsam Centerpieces for sale. Centerpieces can also be made to order via the form included in this newsletter. We have also included an Annual Luncheon invitation/reservation form in this mailing. Reservations are required. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to all of you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

R. Paul McCarty
Executive Director

St. James Episcopal Church – Historical Updates

Memorial Window of the Last Supper placed over the alter – donated by friends and family in memory of Leslie Malcom McNaughton; dedication of window held April 18, 1920.

- Leslie Malcolm McNaughton (also spelled MacNaughton); born October 2, 1894 in Fort Edward; was an ensign in the aviation section of the United States naval reserve; died March 13, 1918, at age 23, when the seaplane he was flying over Hampton Roads, Virginia fell into the water and Ensign McNaughton drowned. This was a week after his marriage to Miss Madeline Gibson of Hudson Falls on Saturday, March 2, 1918, at St. James Church in Fort Edward.
- Remains were taken in a special funeral car to Prospect Hill Cemetery, Schuylerville for interment.
- Attended Fort Edward High School; completed his high school education at Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.
- Attended Yale University; left in 1916 when trouble threatened on the Mexican border; entered training at Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania as a member of Battery B of the Connecticut Artillery; later was an organizer of Yale Unit 3 stationed at Mastic, Long Island where he received his first instruction in flight training.
- From Mastic, was sent to Boston College of Technology where he completed courses in ground training; was then sent to Pensacola, Florida where he received his commission and was transferred to Norfolk, Virginia.
- Son of Fred McNaughton and Julia Maria Finne McNaughton
- Husband of Madeline Gibson McNaughton
- Brother of Lieut. Wallace McNaughton
- Sister of Mrs. E. Percival Tillinghast

Memorial Window at the entrance of the church with three panels representing the Annunciation, the Resurrection, and the Ascension – donated by E. Faxon Bishop in memory of his mother with inscription “In Memoriam Frances Hulbert Bishop, To a Saintly Mother by her Son;” unveiling held September 12, 1915.

- E. (Eben) Faxon Bishop born October 27, 1893, in Naperville, Ill., died February 11, 1943; buried in O’ahu Cemetery, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Son of Linus Dewey Bishop (1828-1879), born in Sandy Hill and Frances J. Hulbert Bishop (1830-1915), born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.
- He and his family are documented as living in Fort Edward during 1870s and early 1880s.
- Was a first cousin once removed of Charles R. Bishop (1822-1915); and a grand nephew of William Little Lee (1821-1857)
- Moved to Honolulu, Hawaii in 1883 on the suggestion of Charles R. Bishop
- Was employed by C. Brewer & Co. (a major company in sugar and pineapple production), advanced to positions of greater responsibility, was elected President in 1909 and remained with the organization until his death.
- Became active in significant political and civic affairs in the community including trustee and chairman of the B. P. Bishop Estate and the Bishop Museum.
- Married Annie Smith Walker (1868-1962) on July 21, 1891; Annie was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, the daughter of John Smith Walker from Aberdeen, Scotland and Jane McIntyre Walker from Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii.
- At the formal opening of the O’ahu Country Club on April 27, 1907, it was reported that the first golf ball struck at the club was hit by Annie Walker Bishop, wife of the club’s first president, Eben Faxon Bishop.
- His mother, Frances Hulbert Bishop, died November 14, 1915, according to a letter from E. Faxon Bishop published in the December 23, 1915, Fort Edward Advertiser; no burial detail was provided.
- Another article in the Fort Edward Advertiser dated October 26, 1916, stated that E. Faxon Bishop had been visiting in the village of Fort Edward.

Maureen (Culligan) Zajkowski
October 5, 2026

The Old Fort House Museum

Featuring Free Educational
Programs/Tours for All Ages
Year Round (Weather Permitting)

Up Coming Events

November 28: *Balsam Wreath Making Class $$ Reservations Required*
Contact: SUNY ADK-Continuing Ed.

December 5: *Balsam Centerpiece Making Class $$ Reservations Required*
Contact SUNY ADK-Continuing Ed.

Website

December 5/6, 12/13, 19/20: **Museum Shop Open (1-4)**
Guided Christmas Tours $10.00 per person, children free w/adult
Santa will be listening to wishes and in our Shop for free photos with children.
For more info. Call: 518-747-9600 or visit our website.

Address: 29 Broadway (Rte. 4) Fort Edward, NY 12828

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Media Minute from Lauren

Hello Members and Friends,

As I approach my one year anniversary as a media specialist here at the Museum, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of you for your support! We could not have accomplished so much this year without you.

One of the most notable changes in the past year is that we can now accept credit cards and other electronic payments for museum admission and in the gift shop through Square. This was a big shift and I am so grateful to the many volunteers who were willing to step out of their comfort zones and learn this new technology. It has been very beneficial for the organization, and we will continue to expand our use this year.

You may have noticed we also have a much more regular presence on social media. Thank you all for liking and sharing our Facebook and Instagram posts, word of mouth is the best endorsement and you are an important resource for that! If you don't follow our accounts yet, please consider doing so using the weblinks or QR codes below. Please invite your friends to follow us too, every interaction makes us more visible and helps us reach new people!
Lauren Grogan
Media Specialist

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BALSAM CENTERPIECE FUNDRAISER

Our Centerpiece Fundraiser is ON!
The Museum Elves will be making small mug centerpieces and traditional 12" centerpieces. They will be available for purchase **December 11-19, 2026** with all proceeds benefitting

Fort Edward Historical Association!

Please consider supporting the Museum by purchasing a Holiday Centerpiece from our Museum Shop or placing an order for pick-up online. Check our website for the Balsam Centerpiece Fundraiser order form. They are beautiful decorations to keep or give as a gift!

Fort Edward Historical Association Membership Application

Name(s)_____
Title First Name(s) Last Name(s) Suffix

circle if applicable
GIFT: Y / N
Anonymous: Y / N

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone_____ Email_____

Would you like to receive notifications or the newsletter electronically? Y / N

Individual

___$1,000.00 Life Membership (Single)
___$ 500.00 Sustaining Member
___$ 250.00 Supporting Member
___$ 100.00 Contributing Member
___$ 50.00 Patron
___$ 35.00 Family: 2 Adults + Children (#__)
___$ 25.00 Individual Membership
___$ 20.00 Student/Senior Membership

Corporate

___$5,000.00 Platinum Sponsor
___$1,000.00 Gold Pacesetter
___$ 750.00 Benefactor
___$ 500.00 Sustaining
___$ 300.00 Supporting
___$ 200.00 Contributing
___$ 100.00 Corporate Patron
___$ 1-99.00 Friend

$_____ ANNUAL CENTENNIAL APPEAL CONTRIBUTION

___New Member ___Renewal Member Date _____

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You Are Cordially Invited

to attend the

Fort Edward Historical Association
Annual Meeting Luncheon

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: Meeting begins at 12:00 p.m. with lunch to follow

Place: St. James Church, 112 Broadway Fort Edward, NY
Fellowship Hall

Luncheon Fair: A variety of sandwiches and salads catered by The Auction Barn Restaurant. It will also include a beverage and dessert.

Cost: $20.00 per person

An opportunity to hear Kathleen McCarty perform using the Johnson & Son pipe organ while surrounded by the beautiful sanctuary windows will follow accompanied by a program by Paul McCarty on the windows.

Please complete the form below and submit your advance reservation. This event is open to the public, please share the form and invite others to join you at the luncheon and program (**reservations are required**).

RESERVATION DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

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Name _____

Number Attending _____

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